

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-16 (Canceled).

17. (New) A data recording and reproducing apparatus comprising:

audio data reproducing means for reproducing audio data;

display means for displaying at least image data associated

5 with the audio data; and

control means for switching a display of the display means when the audio data is being reproduced by the audio data reproducing means such that the image data associated with the audio data is displayed for a predetermined time upon reproducing 10 the audio data, and such that character data representing at least an elapsed reproduction time of the audio data being reproduced is displayed as information on a reproduction status of the audio data for a remaining time that the audio data is reproduced.

18. (New) A data recording and reproducing apparatus comprising:

a memory for storing audio data and image data;

audio data reproducing means for reproducing the audio data;

display means for, if image data is associated with the audio data being reproduced, displaying at least the image data associated with the audio data;

5 determining means for determining whether there is image data associated with the audio data in the memory when the audio data is reproduced by the audio data reproducing means; and

control means for: (i) controlling the display means such that when the audio data is being reproduced by the audio data reproducing means and when it is determined by the determining 10 means that there is no image data associated with the audio data in the memory, character data representing at least an elapsed reproduction time of the audio data being reproduced is displayed by the display means as information on a reproduction status of the audio data, and (ii) switching a display by the display means 15 such that when the audio data is being reproduced by the audio data reproducing means and when it is determined that there is image data associated with the audio data in the memory, the image data associated with the audio data is displayed for a predetermined time upon reproducing the audio data and the 20 character data representing at least the elapsed reproduction time of the audio data being reproduced is displayed as information on a reproduction status of the audio data for a remaining time that the audio data is reproduced.

19. (New) A data recording and reproducing apparatus comprising:

a memory which stores audio data and at least one piece of image data associated with the audio data, each said piece of image data being associated with a specific elapsed recording time of the audio data;

audio data reproducing means for reproducing the audio data; display means for displaying at least one said piece of image data associated with the audio data;

counting means for counting a time elapsed during reproduction of the audio data;

determining means for determining whether any said piece of image data associated with the audio data stored in the memory is associated the elapsed reproduction time of the audio data; and

control means for switching the display of the display means such that when it is determined that a piece of image data is associated with the elapsed reproduction time, the piece of image data associated with the elapsed reproduction time of the audio data is displayed for a predetermined time, and such that character data representing at least the elapsed reproduction time of the audio data being reproduced is displayed as information on a reproduction status of the audio data while no piece of image data is displayed while the audio data is being reproduced.